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In re Application of:

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MODULAR GFCI RECEPTACLE

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AMENDMENT

20 Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002. The three month term to reply expires January 23, 2003.

In the claims:

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Please amend Claims 36, 37, 43, 44 and 49, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

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36. (Amended) A modular electrical component, comprising:

a base unit having:

a plurality of first terminal members; and

a plurality of second terminal members connectable to conductors in an

electrical wiring system

a mounting strap having a ground terminal connection for receiving a ground wire and secured to the external surface of a rear cover of said base unit and capable of connecting said base to a junction box in the electrical wiring system;